

Troopers Arrest Lewes Woman for 6th Offense DUI – Lewes

Lewes- The Delaware State Police have arrested 58 year-old, **Donna Connelly**, of Lewes, DE for 6th offense DUI following a shoplifting complaint.

The incident occurred on Tuesday, June 30, 2020 at approximately 1:03 p.m., when Troopers were dispatched to the ACME grocery store located at 18578 Coastal Highway Unit 13, Lewes, for a report of an intoxicated female inside of the store shoplifting. Prior to arrival, Troopers received broadcasts from the Sussex County Emergency Operation Center about an Acura SUV with Delaware temporary registration swerving all over the roadway and entering the ACME parking lot. Upon Troopers arrival store employees notified them the intoxicated female placed an undisclosed amount of meat inside of her purse and exited the store. Troopers located the suspect inside of her 2020 Gray Acura RDX with temporary registration with the engine running in the parking lot. An odor of alcohol was detected and an open alcohol bottle was in plain sight. Subsequently, a DUI investigation ensued and a computer inquiry revealed that Connelly had a suspended license and five prior DUI arrests.

Connelly was taken into custody and transported back to Troop 7 where she was charged with the following:

- 6th Offense after 5 prior offenses – Driving a Vehicle under the Influence (Felony)
- Driving While Suspended or Revoked
- Failure to Have Insurance Card in Possession
- Shoplifting

Connelly was arraigned before the Justice of the Peace Court and committed to Baylor Women's Correctional Institution on \$11,200.00 cash only bond.

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